Media Advisory

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FEMA applications for those in approved counties

Thank you for all of your efforts to get information to severe weather victims about resources available for assistance.

There are now 26 counties that have been approved for individual federal assistance for homeowners, renters and businesses: Adams, Bartholomew, Brown, Clay, Daviess, Dearborn, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Knox, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties. Damage assessments for other counties are continuing and are being submitted to the federal government as they are completed.

As you know, state assistance centers are open in several locations (Columbus, Martinsville, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Franklin --state services start there Monday; FEMA is there now). FEMA and the Red Cross have staff in most of those sites and in some locations elsewhere.

We continue to need your assistance to remind people in approved counties that it is not necessary to go to an office to complete an application. Staff at all offices are available to answers questions; however, applications may be filled out from any computer by going to http://www.fema.gov/ or the state's emergency assistance Web site at http://www.emergency.in.gov.

The toll free number is 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The telephone numbers are operational from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time seven days a week. Thank you for your help.

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